FOREST CITY.

A Chapter of Interest About One of Ho County's Prosperous Little Towns.

HER PAST HISTORY.

A Spicy Sketh of City From Its Founding the Present Date.

Richardson & Robinson have a most

The Bank of Forest City was estab-

HER PAST AND PRESENT.

seph; Zook & Patterson and Nave & Tur-

building for the past thirty years.

Wm. S. Canon

the summer of 1857.

James Simson in 1858.

Dr. J. M. Wilson was the first physi-

Esquire Weber and Capt. W. S. Can-

on located there in 1857, and the follow

ing year J. M. Ford, William Burgess,

cian to locate in Forest City.

and W. and J. W. Zook.

postmasters:

Daniel Zook, lately deceased, was the 1890

1858. The following is the roster of the 1892

France..... 1893 97

A special representative of the press | masses. A. J. Cotton conducts the city meat in reviewing the material advantages of Forest City makes the following compli- market, furnishing finest fresh and cured meats for the public. He has been in mentary statements.

Forest City is located on the K. C., the business two years and studies to St. Joe & C. B. railroad three miles west please. of Oregon, county seat of Holt county, surrounded by a vast scope of as fertile complete stock of dry goods, groceries, country "as a crow ever flew over." For- clothing ladies' and gents' furnishing est City is therefore the marketing and goods and an extra nice line of shoesshipping place for great quantities of one of the largest in the county. That the products of the scil indigenous to a people find a nice variety of supplies to in great prolificness, with thousands of are right, is evidenced by the big pathead of all kind of live stock, poultry, ronage the house always er joys.

On this account a prosperous town of lished in 1873, as a private concern, insome 700 population has sprung up, with corporated in 1878 for 20 years and in splendid schools, churches, and other 1898 reincorporated for tifty years. Offi public features, with numerous business cers are John France, senior, president, firms to supply demands in the lines. | Jno. L. Chuning, vice president and E.

The town is likewise improving. A M. Austin, cashier. The capital stock new opera house to cost about \$5,000 is \$25,000, and no town in the when completed, is building. The town state of this size with territory practilights supplied by the city of Oregon. banking advantages and capital as For. of the city', most enterprising citizens Joseph. is supplied with waterworks and electric cally so limited, is so well supplied with The town has a fine canning factory, the est City. excelsior mill, giving employment to time for them to favor the people of our eight or more hands, the product of sister city, with a brief, spicy "historiwhich is taken by manufacturers in the cal" about their city, and hence we take lines of mattress making and for pack- this opportunity as a compliment to our the plane, the city in June the present ing purposes. Richardson & Hitt were sister city of Forest City. formerly merchants of the town. Mr. Hitt was in the banking business four-

The Commercial hotel has been conducted here by H. Connelly for the past ner, merchants of Forest City at that five months. The rates are \$1 a day and time. These gentlemen are now among such has been the excellence of the ac. St. Joseph's most prominent business commodations afforded by Mr. Connelly men. The tract of land purchased comthat the house has become a public favorite and is prospering under his management. Most reasonable rates are site was \$10,000. and it is to be hoped the success of Mr. Tootle, Farleigh & Co., and was built in ing to \$5,000, was voted at the April,

bacco are sold by S. Secrist, whose place long occupied by J. M. Ford & Co., and building was begun is November of that has won a most favorable consideration which was destroyed by fire February 5, year, with Samuel Ruley as principal, asby the public in a little more than one 1899. owner.

The Atlantic hotel is headquarters for sand was used as a drug store. It is still erations commercial men, for the accommoda- used for that purpose, and is occupied trict, beg tions are equal in all respects to the best by John France, who has occupied this of 2-dollar-a-day houses in this part of the west. The Atlantic is at present under the efficient management of first postmaster who began his duties in 1891 Hamilton Boyd, who knows how to cater to public wants.

R. W. Fawks has the only exclusive grocery and provision house in Forest City, and it is a real credit to the mer-Mary M. Canon..... cantile interests of the place. The Dismond brand of coffee is a specially fine one among a fine display of staple and fancy goods of best varieties and most H. L. Eyerson..... desirable quality. A lunch counter is provided for customers where also sum mer drinks are served. Mr. Fawks is a young man, full of energy and a thorough knowledge of how to please the public, which knowledge he is using to advantage in building up a flattering trade since be located here last October. A nice stock of glass and queensware is

among the attractions. Teare Bros. are extensive dealers in dry goods, groceries, clothing, shoes, shelf hardware, tinware and notions. This general stock is one of the great | the Forest City wharf. attractions of Forest City. It is very large in all departments and fills every those days, it has been said reached membership of this church, The Chrisreasonable demand for supplies-ladies' \$300,000 annually. and gents' furnishing goods and household provisions. Sewing machines are sold here. The Mesers. Teare have been known to the mercantile interests of this town for nine years, the present partner ship having been formed two years ago last January. Theirs is one of the most important features of the county's commercial industries, and the bargains obtained there are appreciated by a steady

J. B. Lamb has a stock of dry goods, groceries, clothing, hats,caps, ladies' and gents' furnishing goods that would be creditable in a city of much greater pretentions than Forest. A line of shelf hardware is carried and the stock in its entirety is very complete. Mr. Lamb has resided heresince 1883, and his mercantile experience has always been fraught with success because he has treated the public liberally.

citizens. W. S. Canon is now a citizen The Forest City restaurant is ably conducted by Mrs. C. White, who sells cigare, tobacco, luncheons, ice cream, cakes, confectionery, bread, pies, groceries,canned goods and a few school supplies. The agency for Nebraska City steam laundry is here. Mrs. White keeps of the town were: Turner, Frazer & Co., this place creditably neat and clean for | Tootle, Farleigh & Co., Frazer & Brittain,

J. W. Kreider is the lumber merchant The first sale of town lots occurred fence is also in stock. Mr. Kreider suc- March 12, 1861, and under this act Geo. agement of John Morris, who is still its He buys reasonably, has advantage of mayor. It became a city of the Fourth freight rates and figures very low to class March 30, 1888. The assessable builders. He is therefore doing a nice valuations of the city have been: wife have valuable farming interests in

A. Hinman is the watchmaker and jeweler. He is expert in repairing, carries a nice line of goods and is now offering special bargains on watches, bracelets, friendship hearts and rings, that will pay to investigate. Violin, guitar and mandolin strings are in stock.

H. L. Everson is the efficient postcounty and makes a good officer for Un- of Forest was created. county and makes a good officer for Un- of Porcet was closed.

Cle Sam and the people. Mr. Everson The original town plat was filed May and went to work making a cement, the senger fare from St. Joseph to Forcet diate results. It cures all throat and John Dr.Witt, reports an increase of business since he took charge of the office, which is evireports an increase of business since he 16, 1857; the second plat was filed June material being found in the bluffs near City, was \$2.50. dence of increased prosperity among the ber 30, 1868. Baldwin's addition to the quality, and for a while the prospects were along this railway was submerged in Aiken, and C. O. Proud.

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1	town was filed August 3, 1860.	
	The following is the roster of	Fore
- 4	City's mayors:	
	George Weber	1866
. 1	Hiram Patterson	1868
	J. D. Tuitt	1869
	W. A. Joy	1870
	J. D. Tuitt	1871
lt	Hiram Patterson	1872
	Wm. Dear	1873
	Henry Thomas	1874
	Juo. France	1875
	S. M. Glass	1876
	T. J. Wilkipson,	1879
	S. M. Glass	1881
	T. J. Wilkinson	1882
	J. B. Lamb	1889
•	T. J. Wilkinson	1891
	Juo. Winkler	1893
	T. J. Wilkinson	1894
	E. M. Austin	
4_		1898
to	E. M. Austip	1900
	Hiram Patterson, J. D. Tu	tt. W
	Donn, and T. J. Wilkinson are d	hand
	Doan, and T. J. Wilkinson are d	enu.
	A. Joy is a resident of Peru., N	ebras

Henry Thomas is in the banking business at Mound City, and John Winkler is a citizen of Mashall, Mo.

In 1880 the population of Forest City was 421; in 1890, 428, and the present

population to be about 525. 375 1886...... 367 357 1890.....

The pumping station and electric light power house of the Oregon waterworke and electric light systems was built in August 1898.

The road from Forest City to Oregon which is the most extensively traveled country road in the county, was built in 1874, and cost \$5,000. The Oregon terminus is 235 feet higher than the Forest City depot site. Maj. G. W. Kelley was the contractor.

In February 1900, George Weber, one gave to the city the sum of \$4,000 with Just at this time, THE SENTINEL pro which to build a public hall, and the jobbers. Richardson & Hitt operate an prietors feel that now would be a good plans are now prepared and bids have until 1882, when he moved the plant to been received, for the building of the St. Joseph. hall. Not having sufficient means with which to complete the hall according to year, voted \$600 in bonds, the vote being 117 for and 22 against for this purpose, and material for this building is now be Forest City was laid out by a company composed of Tootle, Farleigh, of St. Jo-

ing delivered. At the A. B. Brady public sale, which occurred in March, 1882, his hay brought \$12 per ton; mules \$140 per head and corn 60 cents per bushel.

HER SCHOOL The first school was opened by James prised 520 acres, and was owned by Joel Walden in the winter of 1857. Bonds Baldwin. The price paid for this town for the erection of the present handsome and substantial school building, amount The first store building was put up by Hot and cold luncheons, summer drinks, ice cream, confectionery, cigars and to bacco are sold by S. Secret whose place.

Nave, Turner & Co., soon followed by effecting the building that was so bacco are sold by S. Secret whose place.

Nave, Turner & Co., soon followed by E. Secret whose place is the second of school in this new long accounted by I. M. Deal & Co. 1875, school election, and the building sisted by Miss Helen Lehmer, who is Hoskins in 1889, who removed the plant since Mr. Secrist has been the The first brick store building was now Mrs. Emil Weber. The following to Oregon, in August, 1892.

COOCH INTERNETING THE
of the Forest City scho
rinning with 1885:
Valuation Enum
₹185,37 5
164,175
165,010
170,050
181,155
220,180
180,525
191,665
208,976
184,805
192,045
HER CHURCHES,
f. E. church, south, peop

John M. Moody was the first blackthe first to erect a church edifice, which smith of the town. He was a native of was brought about by the exer Independence, Mo., and located there in tions of Hiram Patterson, Levi Zook and Joshua T. Sedwick, and the building was erected in 1860. All of these G. W. Glasgow was the first to open up a hostelry. His "tavern" was a two. promoters are now dead. In 1866 they story frame in the north part of the sold this building to the Missionary town, and was built by the town com- Baptists and in 1809 they erected their pany. L. B. Green succeeded Glasgow, present house of worship. Benjamin and he bought the property.

The great staple in those days was to preach the gospel in Forest City. Baxter, of the M. E. south, was the first hemp, and as many as a dozen steamers | The Missionary Baptists organized in have been seen loading at one time along 1866. G. W. Huntley was their first minister. G. W. Hitt and wife are the The local business of Forest City in only surviving members of the original tians organized in 1881; T. J. William-

The first saloon was opened up by was their first pastor. In 1869, the Catholics under the service Up to the summer of 1868, Forest City of Father Welch, built their present was an important landing on the house of worship, at a cost of ₹1,500. Missouri river; the river changed its Bishop Hogan preached the dedicatory channel that summer and left Forest sermon.

City "high and dry." The steamer Car-The first mill in the town was estab-"tie up" there, discharging her cargo at lised by Gabriel and George Mauck; this Mr. John France is the present the old brick warehouse, which we be was in 1867, and was located in the lieve still stands. She "tied up" to the north part of the city, on block 88. This rails of the K. C., St. Joe & C. B. rail- mill was destroyed by fire November 8. road, and W. and J. W. Zook, made their 1884; loss \$15,000. It was owned at that last shipment by water-3,000 sacks of time by William Zook. The mill now located in the southern

part of the city, was originally establish ed by Mesers. Juo. A. Richardson, L. M. Kaull and O. C. Plummer. They con ducted it for several years, when Mr. kaull retired, and a number of promin-G. W. Hitt, Barney Williams, became of Mound City. J. M. Ford is in St. Joseph, and William Burgess died in June, 1893. The others are still honored and The original and heaviest merchants night of December 30, 1894, the mill

was robbed of several hundred pounds 52,430 Davis were arrested and each given two years for the robbery. The Forest City canning factory was completed in August ,1898, being built by Allen Bros., wholesale grocers, of Omaha, at a cost of \$7,000. The citizens 52,910 of Forest subscribed \$2,500 toward the 61.430 enterprise. Its pack of tomatoes and

some other gentlemen formed a company City, Big Springs, near Craig. The pas

67 ville and other cement makers, they re- Forest Cicy. ducing the price to less than it could be gotten out of the ground for by this infant concern. Staves and headings

An extensive excelsior factory is in 78 successful operation at this point and its S, 1860. Milton S. Moody was the first 80 shipments annually run into many carloads. It is one of the most successful enterprises ever established in Forest 1.92 City. It was purchased by Richardson ganized a lodge. A. J. Uish, N. G; E. & Hitt in 1895, who we believe still M. Austin, V. G; and C. G. Landon, secretary. operate it.

Forest City has most excellent telephone service, being furnished by the America was organized in February, 1900; Oregon & Forest City telephone com- W. H. Alkire was chosen V. C.; and pany of which D. M. Martin is president | Chas. Gennett, clerk. and M. R. Martin is superintendent. It The Fraternal And Association was oralso has long distance connections with ganized January 22, 1896. Dr. F. E. Bulsome 300 towns in Iowa, Kansas, Mis-lock, was chosen P. P.; W. M. Hitt, secsouri and Nebraska. This company was organized in February 1899.

were then made here, but this business

was of brief duration.

It has electric lights and water supply, 1890 census will undoubtedly show the its mains being laid in the business part 1898. of the city only as yet, but these will be The vote cast at this precinct since gradually extended as the city's finances will justify. The electric lights were turned on September 19, 1898; the water mains were laid and completed at the same time.

William Burgess and Tom Cunningham started a pottery in the north part of the town in 1859, but it was only operated a brief time.

A brewery was started and operated by a man named C. Krause. In 1860 the "brick brewery" which still stands was built by Krauss & Engel. They retired in 1865-6. Albert Roecker, of Oregon, was at one time interested in this enterprise. In 1881, Jacob Schweinfurth operated the brewery, buying the building from William Zook, of St.

J. Demuth established a foundry in 1865 and continued the business there

HER NEWSPAPERS. The Monitor was the first newspaper It was established in 1858 by VanNatta & Colvin. In 1859 its name was changed to the Courier. It lived but a short time. In August, 1863, it was revived, and continued until the following October, when it died and the Missouri Express was brought into existence by S. M. C. Reynolds and D. O. Wasson. In February. 1869, the Holt County Journal took its place; this was published by T. H. & R. A. Frame, and survived for two-and-a half months. The Independent was established in the winter of 1869 by the Bowman brothers; they sold in 1870 to D. P. Ballard, who conducted the paper only a few weeks, when it died, and the

The Independent was then established ool dis- by a Mr. Briggs; then it passed into the hands of a Mr. Brunson, and then into neration the control of Ed. S. Hayes, who in the 164 fall of 1894 moved the plant to Oregon, 179 and consolidated with the Democrat, 200 then published by Mr. Rigdon. The Record, by Clara B. Dobyns, was

established January 30, 1897. It continued for about one year. In May, 1899, The Journal was estab lished by A. J. & F. Ulsh, and they issued a six column quarte, up to ite saue of June 29, 1900, when they changed to a seven column folio. In this issue its proprietors said: "Unless different arrangements are made this will be the

aet issue of the Forest City Journal." The Messenger of Love is published t Forest City by Messrs. W. A. Haynes and G. P. Keeling. It was established n the winter of the present 1900 year "It is sent forth for the defense of truth and standard of Gospel freedom," "antipriest-craft and anti-sectarian."

BANKING INTERESTS. The bank of Forest City, was organ zed as a private bank in 1873. In July, 1878, it became incorporated with a capital of \$20,000; B. B. Frazer and Dr. D. McDonald were the organizers of this 5, 1881. now popular business institution. George Weber, who followed as cashier, then as ter were drowned in the Missouri river, president, and who continued with the bank from 1881 to 1894. H. K. S. Robinson, now deceased, was also cashier or teller for a few years. Its present substantial home was built in 1874. In 1898, it went into liquidation by expiration of charter, and reorganized, incorporating

for tifty years with a capital of \$25,000. president and E M. Austin, cashier. On May 7, 1889, three men entered this bank and held up its cashier, C. J. Hunt, and 25, 1895. He was taken from the train. its president, George Weber. 'They were Coroner's inquest returned verdict; never apprehended. They made way with a few thousand dollars.

RAILROAD HISTORY. The Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs railroad was completed to Forest tiary for five years for for ery, at the City, June 9, 1868, the preliminary survey being made the following spring, in August 1890, where he died the folent "grangers" became interested. In Capt. W. S. Canon graded the three lowing October. 1881-2 it passed into the hands of a miles extending north of Forest City. company composed of J. P. Adams, Ww. On August 10, of this year, the last rail were each given two years in the peni-Kaucher, J. H. C. Curtis and others. It between St. Joseph and Council Bluffs tentiary for robbing the Forest City finally went to sale under an execution was laid, and this gave Forest City rail mills on the night of Dec. 30, 1894. and S. T. Lucas and Levi Oren became road communication with Omaha and the owners. These gentlemen conduct- Council Bluffs; and with Chicago, via for robbing the L. P. Sentney store, ed the business several years, when they the Hannibal & St. Joseph to Quincy; July 25, 1836. removed the machinery to Mound City. and with St. Louis over the same line to It then stood idle fer several years, and Macon, thence over the old North Mis in July, 1893, a company with \$10,000 sours, now the Wabash system. The first for robbing the postoffice in April, 1893. capital was organized, and purchased depot was built in August, 1868. The of Forest City. He carries a complete May 15, 1857, and the town began to fill the building and grounds, and put in first passenger coach passed over the tin was given three months in the county stock of various grades of lumber at all up quite rapidly with a thrifty class of the very latest, improved machinery, line June 19, 1868. Two trains daily, on- jail. They were tried in the United times, sash, doors, blinds, roof paint, people. The town was incorporated by and in December of that year "the ly, only were run, one each way. Now States court at St. Joseph. and best plaster materials. Woven wire a special act of the legislature, passed wheels began to turn" under the man there are twelve passenger trains passes this station daily. The bridge at Rulo ceeded Wilson & Kreider last February. Weber was chosen as the city's first general manager, and the mill is doing a was completed October 3, 1888, and the good business we believe. On the following day, the first through passenger train for Denver, via Rulo, passed through Forest City.

The following agents have had charge

opening for business: Frank Brigge, June to Oct. 1868. Chas. Sloane, to Dec. 1870. R. N. Howell, to Sept. 1879.

Vine Hovey, Sept. 1879; still agent. Prior to the completion of this railroad, transportation for both freight and corn in 1899 amounted to some 30,000 passenger, was by steamboat and the Proud. At the August term of our county cases. L. P. Watson, an experienced old stage coach. The stage line was court, west Lewis, (Forest City and ter- processor is in charge of the packing. from St. Joseph to Council Bluffs and from a cough or cold to consumption. perous administration. He is personally ritory), was made a voting precinct, and Just below this city in 1875 Clarke Omaha via Savannah, Fillmore, Oregon, The early use of One Minute Cough perous administration. He is personally record that the August term, 1894, the township Irvine, Philip Snyder, A. B. Payne and Forest City, North Point, now Mound Cure prevents consumption. It is the

bright, but they were only able to hold water, and traffic was abandoned for est out for a year, by reason of not being able several days, the mails being brought to compete in the markets with Liuis overland from St. Joseph to Oregon and

In March, 1895, a trate load composed of two cars of gold and silver bullion; eight cars of silk and four of ten passed through Forest City for the east. SECRET SOCIETIES.

The Masons organized their lodge July master; Levi Zook, S. W; Hiram Patterson, J. W; Daniel Zook, secretary. On June 19, 1899, the Odd Pellows or-

A lodge of the Modern Woodmen of

retary and E. M. Austin, treasurer. A camp of the Woodmen of the World was organized in that city November 26,

FIRES, ROBBERIES ETC. Porest has been visited by very few onflagrations, among which we men-

Forest City mill, Nov. 8, 1884. Ford J. M. residence, Meb. 17, 1869. Slaughter house, Dec. 29, 1895. Residence of Mr. Hopper, Feb. 16, 77 S. T. Lucas, residence, Jan. 25, 1873. Meyer tailor shop, March 16, 1869. Wilder hotel, December 22, 1872. Willis store building, March 17, 1879 Ford & Lease store, February 5, 1899. Williams W. H. store Feb'y 5, 1899.

Some of the robberies that have oc urred at Forest City: Baggage from the depot, Dec. 7, 1869. Forest City bank, May 7, 1889. Forest City mills, Dec. 30, 1894. S. M. Glass store, April 3, 1891. S. M. Glass store, Dec. 25, 1891. Jos. Groves store, July 15, 1878. Jos. Groves store, Feb. 16, 1876. Limp's saloon, August 14, 1879.

Tobias Lease store, June 6, 1871. T. S. Lease saloon, March 10, 1878. Mail pouches from depot platform July 19, 1893. Horses etolen from barn of Meller &

Co., August 9, 1883. Operator held up June 28, 1893. Post office, April 20, 1893. Mr. Potter, operator, August 14, 1883. J. D. Perkins, held up, Oct. 21, 1865. Stoddard's millinery store, August 23,

J. D. Truett, June 21, 1866. Thos. Teare, residence, July 4, 1878. Emil Weber store, July 12, 1893. W. H. Williams store, Jan. 3, 1880. L. P. Sentney store, July 25, 1896. S. M, Glass, residence, July 26, 1897. Bullock & France, drug store, March

I. M. Guild, confectionery, Jan. 7, '98. J. B. Lambstore, January 24, 1898. Sanford Limpus store, May 3, 1885. Our record fails to show a single murder ever having been committed within do they show of a suicide having been committed by any of her citizens. Within a short distance of our sister city, the following crimes have been committed: David McGregory was killed by Wm. Kimball, October 3, 1870, on the White

Cloud and Forest City road, near the ferry, while on their way as companions, to Forest City. After a week's absence McGregory's body was found near the roadside. Kimball was never heard of. The charred bones of what was believed to have been those of a young man named Thorpe, were found in an ash heap south of Forest City on January 1, 1890. Circumstances pointed toward a man named Thomas Fee as being the party responsible for the death of Young Thorpe, and he was accordingly arrested in February, 1890, and in September of the same year he was tried

and acquitted. Fee afterwards was sent to the pen for forgery. Herbert Chadwick, who used to live in Forest City, was drowned in the 102 river near St. Joseph, July 4, 1895. He was buried in Forest City. Joseph Decker was drowned in the slough near Forest, while bathing, July

Mrs. Stephen Shayler and her daughsouth of Forest City, June 5, 1892. Willian Young Poe, living north of Forest City, suicided by taking strych-

nine May 25, 1877. John Seaburn living near Forest, suicided with a revolver, Oct. 28, 1885. Burrel Evans took his own life by banging himself with a halter, in the

timber, April 5, 1898. J. E. Balthrope, a lawyer, of Quincy, Ill., died suddenly at the depot, April "death from congestion of stomach

caused from some corosive poison. William Gooden, colored, while a resi dent of Forest, was sent to the peniten-January term, 1889. He was pardoned of BELLASILITY is unquestion

William Parks and Wilbur C. Davis George Findley was given five years

William Grayes and Charles Martin colored boys, both minors, were arrested Graves turned states' eyidence, and Mar-

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